

United States Senate Youth Program

Nearly a Half-Century Partnership of
Youth, Education and Government



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**48th Annual
Washington Week
March 6-13, 2010**



United States Senate Youth Program

- Sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation
- 1962, Senate Resolution 324, submitted by Senator Kuchel (for himself and Senators Mansfield, Dirksen and Humphrey)



United States Senate Youth Program

- Resolved, That the Senate hereby expresses its willingness to cooperate in a nationwide competitive high school Senate youth program which would give several representative high school students from each state a short indoctrination into the operation of the United States Senate and the Federal Government generally, if such a program can be satisfactorily arranged and completely supported by private funds with no expense to the Federal Government.



United States Senate Youth Program

- William Randolph Hearst III, Foundation President, addressed the delegates in 2004, “The program’s mission shall continue so long as there are young people in America with a dedication to academic excellence and a desire to serve their communities.”



United States Senate Youth Program

- In nearly a half-century, the program has brought thousands of bright students to Washington, sending them home with special insights into their heritage – and granted scholarships to further their educations. Every year the delegates depart with fond memories of their experiences in Washington and with new and lasting friendships forged in shared experiences with their fellow delegates.



United States Senate Youth Program

- Distinguished alumni
 - Senator Susan Collins of Maine
 - Judge Robert Henry, U.S. Court of Appeals
 - Former ambassador to West Germany
Richard Burt
 - Presidential Advisor Karl Rove
 - Former Presidential Advisor “Mack” McLarty
 - Former Director of the OMB Franklin Raines



United States Senate Youth Program

- The 104 student delegates will be immersed in Washington activities throughout their week's stay.
- The William Randolph Hearst Foundation will pay all expenses for the Washington week, including transportation, hotel and meals.
- The military services will provide specially selected men and women officers to serve as escorts for the student delegates while in Washington.



The U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program is sponsored by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation and administered by the Office of Public Instruction. The National Association of Secondary School Principals has placed this program on the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities.



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- Montana junior/senior high school students are encouraged to apply
- Contact your high school counselor in September/October
- Finalists are selected by the Office of Public Instruction U.S. Senate Youth Program staff



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- Learning How the Senate Operates
- Learning How History and Rules Make the Senate Distinctive
 - During Washington Week the offices of the Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, the Chief Parliamentarian and the Senate Historian offer invaluable insights to the intricate workings governing this legislative body.



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- Delegates are awarded a \$5,000 scholarship for undergraduate studies at an accredited United States university or college.
- Delegates are encouraged to pursue college course work in history, government and political science.



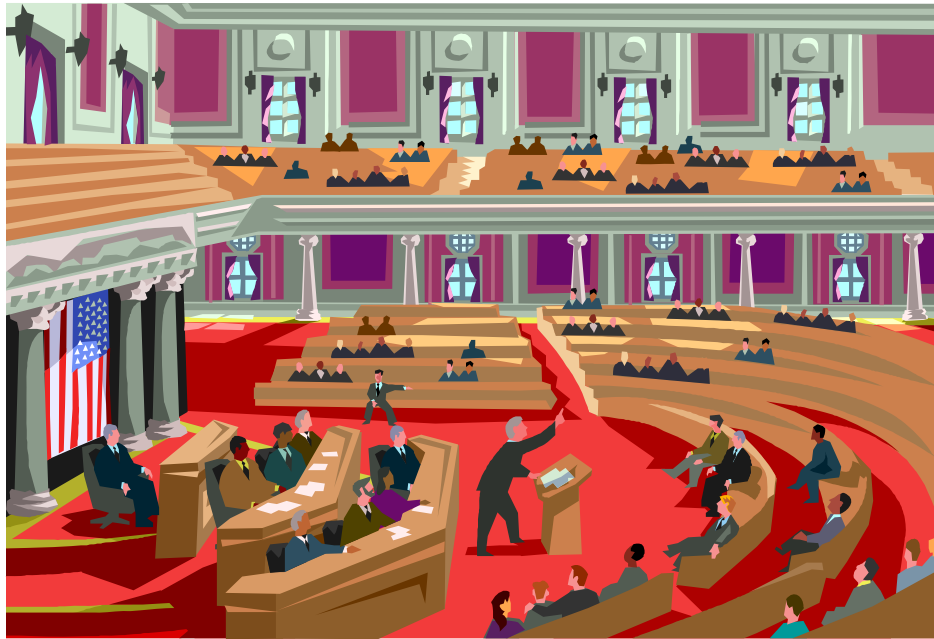
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- Delegates meet with national leaders



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- You will have the opportunity to see our government in action.



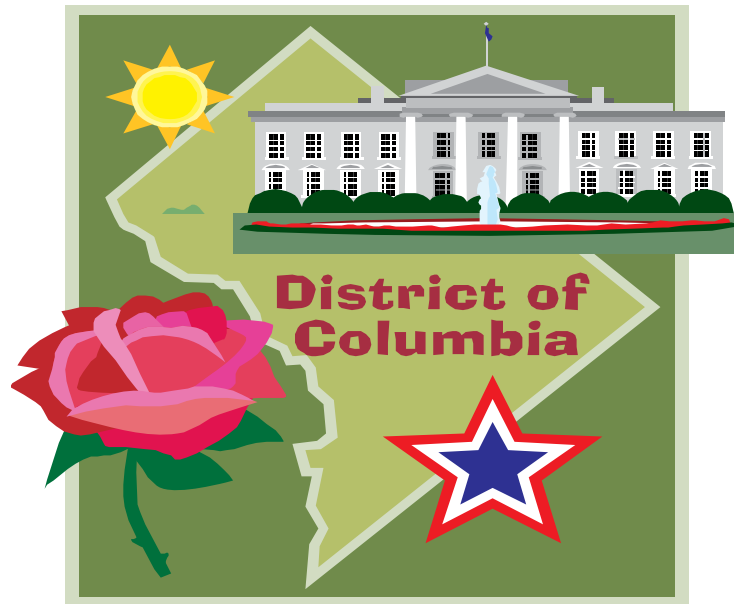
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- You will share ideas and perspectives with your peers, 104 student delegates, from every state in the nation.



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- Delegates will be immersed in Washington activities for one week in the nation's capital.



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- Your week in the nation's capital will reinforce your individual commitments to
 - responsible, well-informed citizenship
 - and to the virtues and challenges of public service.





Senator Tester is pictured here with Montana's winning delegates. Many Senators honor their student delegates and present them with a \$5,000 college scholarship.



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